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1. GOP BUDGET DOES NOT PROVIDE BREAKDOWN OF ITS APPROPRIATION IN MANNER THAT MAKES IT POSSIBLE TO IDENTIFY EXPENDITURES DESTINED EXCLUSIVELY OR PRIMARILY FOR NARCOTICS CONTROL PURPOSES.

2. ACCORDING TO RANKING HEALTH MINISTRY OFFICIAL, EXPENDITURES FOR TREATMENT OF ADDICTS, REHABILITATION, AND PREVENTION (DEMAND SIDE) ARE MADE UNDER GENERAL RUBRIC OF MENTAL HEALTH EXPEDITURES IN INDIVIDUAL BUDGETS OF CENTRAL GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS, OF WHICH THERE ARE 93 IN PERU. SAME OFFICIAL WOULD NOT ATTEMPT MAKE EVEN EDUCATED GUESS REGARDING MAGNITUDE SUCH EXPEDITURES ALTHOUGH, AS EMBASSY HAS NOTED IN ITS NARCOTICS CONTROL ACTION PLAN, PROBLEM OF DRUG ADDICTION REQUIRING TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION IS NOT GREAT. PROBLEM OF WIDESPREAD COCA CHEWING HABIT OF INDIAN POPULATION IN HIGHLAND IS PRIMARILY ONE OF SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

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3. WITH COOPERATION OF PERUVIAN INVESTIGATIONS POLICE (PIP) WE

HAVE ESTIMATED APPROXIMATE 1973 OPERATING EXPENDITURES OF ITS NARCOTICS UNIT. UNDER GOP LEGISLATION, PIP HAS PRIMARY INVESTIGATIVE AND ENFORCEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES FOR NARCOTICS ALTHOUGH OTHER ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES SUCH AS CIVIL GUARD (UNIFORMED NATIONAL POLICE), REPUBLICAN GUARD (BORDER CONTROL) AND CUSTOMS HAVE RESPONSIBILITIES AND THEREFORE EXPENDITURES THAT ARE APPLICABLE TO NARCOTICS CONTROL. UNFORTUNATELY IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO ISOLATE SUCH NARCOTICS CONTROL EXPENDITURES FROM THE OVERALL BUDGETS OF THESE AGENCIES.

4. PIP NARCOTICS UNIT EXPENDITURES FOR GOODS, SERVICES AND MISCELLANEOUS DURING 1973 ARE ESTIMATED AT SOLES 3,515,000 (\$80,845). THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE SALARIES OR TRAINING, NOR DOES IT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT PERSONAL EXPENDITURES FREQUENTLY UNDERTAKEN BY INVESTIGATIVE PERSONNEL WHEN PER DIEM AND TRANSPORTATION COSTS ARE UNAVAILABLE.

5. UNDER PERU NARCOTICS CONTROL ACTION PLAN WE ARE IN PROCESS OF NEGOTIATING AID PROGRAM AGREEMENT WITH GOP OF WHICH MAJOR PORTION IS FOR IMPROVEMENT OF PIP COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM TO INCREASE GOP CAPABILITY IN NARCOTICS CONTROL. GOP CONTRIBUTION TO PROJECT OVER NEXT THREE YEAR PERIOD WILL AMOUNT TO SOLES 13,653,250 (352,976 DOLLARS). GOP EXPENDITURES ARE FOR (1) TECHNICAL TRAINING, INCLUDING SALARIES (\$159,059); (2) INSTALLATION OF EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING IN-COUNTRY TRANSPORTATION AND PURCHASE OF ANTENNAE (\$89,630); (3) MAINTENANCE AND SPARES (\$40,437); (4) RADIO OPERATORS (\$63,670). WHILE PROJECT IS BROADER THAN NARCOTICS CONTROL, ABOVE GOP EXPENDITURES WILL RESULT DIRECTLY FROM OUR BILATERAL COOPERATION IN NARCOTICS CONTROL.
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